



NEW HORIZON CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

Bishop Ronnie C. Crudup, Sr., Senior Pastor

P R E S E N T S

2025
COMMUNITY
SERVICE AWARDS
P R O G R A M

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025
5:00 P.M.

*This program will honor Distinguished Mississippians for
their commitment to their community through Business,
Community Advocacy, Health, Law, and Ministry*

1750 ELLIS AVENUE, JACKSON MS 39204

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The NHCI Community Service Awards were established in 2002 by the congregation of New Horizon Church International as a means of expressing our corporate thanks and appreciation to individuals who consistently give of themselves and their resources to serve the needs of others. The awards are presented annually in commemoration of the lives and legacies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Medgar Wiley Evers, and other martyrs of the civil rights movement who exemplified the philosophy of self-determination and community service.

Persons are nominated and selected to receive the awards on the basis of their demonstrated lifestyles that embody care and commitment toward improving the quality of life available to everyone.

It was our Lord, Jesus Christ, who said: ***“No one, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God”*** (Luke 9:62 NKJV).

New Horizon Church International is proud to publicly recognize the great work being done by “a few who serve so many”.

Special Recognition

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vanessa Edmond

Patricia Hickman

Mary Harris

Geneva James

Arbrillia Pickens

Keith Riley

Lauren Sinclair

Joann White

ENTERTAINMENT

Jammayette Washington



Jammayette is an up and coming, soulful saxophonist from Utica, MS. Jammayette is a 2009 graduate of Alcorn State University (2005-2009) where she proudly served as a member of the Sounds of Dyn-o-mite and the Tau Beta Sigma Band Sorority (Theta Gamma Chapter). Jammayette also is a 2013 graduate of MS College and is presently employed as a School Based Therapist. She serves diligently in the music ministry in the capacities as saxophonist and pianist respectively for 15 years; Greater White Oak MB Church, Faith Christian Center (Utica, MS), and Mountain Ridge Christian Fellowship (Brandon, MS). The anticipated sound of saxophonist Jammayette Washington is smooth, rich and lyrically defined.

GUEST SPEAKER

Rep. Ronnie Crudup, Jr.

Representative Ronnie C. Crudup Jr. was born and raised in Jackson, MS. He is a graduate of Murrah High School and Belhaven University. Rep. Crudup is married to Andrea Crudup and together they have three children. He and his family reside and work in Jackson where he is Executive Director of New Horizon Ministries, Inc. and a Mississippi State Representative for District 71.



Representative Crudup has been involved in real estate and youth development for over a decade. He started the New Horizon Ministries food pantry during the height of Covid and the water distribution efforts in Jackson during the water crises.

Representative Crudup has been a strong advocate for the next generation. He is responsible for fundraising and reopening of the Hertz swimming pool in South Jackson that was closed. His team successfully staffed and ran the pool for five years. Most recently, Crudup is responsible for fundraising and helping to build The Ark.

Representative Crudup has secured state funding for numerous projects across the city of Jackson. He continues to serve his area and make an impact throughout the city he loves.

BUSINESS

Charles S. Donald, II - "Chuck"

Chuck has been in the food industry for over 30 years, inspired by his grandmother's cooking. As the eldest grandchild, he often helped with household chores, including picking fresh ingredients—fueling his love for fresh food.

After earning his high school diploma, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1991, choosing the culinary field. Cooking for over 5,000 crewmen taught him multitasking, creativity, and efficiency. His talent led to a rapid promotion, cooking personally for the Chiefs and Officers of the USS John F. Kennedy.



Since then, Chuck has held roles such as Executive Chef at Holiday Inn, Kitchen Manager at Islamorada Fish Company, and Food Service Director at Aramark. Currently, he oversees food operations for eight schools in Hinds County while running his catering company, Chardon Hospitality and Executive Foods.

Married for 20 years with five children, he enjoys traveling, movies, music, and creating new recipes.

EDUCATION

Peggy Hooker

Mrs. Peggy Hooker graduated from John W. Provine High School and earned a certificate of cosmetology from the Career Development Center. She continued her education at Jackson State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Special Education and Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education. She received an Education Specialist in School Counseling from Mississippi College.

She supports her community by volunteering with her church's, Fresh Start Christian Church, Homeless Outreach and Youth ministries. She is a member of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle and Trooper Club.



Mrs. Hooker began her teaching career at Nichols Middle School, Canton, MS and is currently a Behavior Specialist with Jackson Public Schools.

She and her husband Robert have been married for 37 years and have 2 children, Robert, III and Raven, daughter-in-law Adrianna, and 2 granddaughters, Ava and Kaylee.

The scripture that she lives her life by is 1st John 4:8 "God is love."

HEALTH

Andrewlene Darby

Andrewlene Darby is a retired nurse, veteran, and proud Lanier High School “833” graduate. She trained as a medic in the U.S. Army and earned her LPN degree from Hinds Community College at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

With over 50 years of nursing experience in hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, she had a special passion for caring for babies and the elderly. Her experiences taught her that small acts of kindness held open or encouraging words—can make a difference.



Her love for service led her to study Hotel/Motel Management at Hinds Community College. She is an active member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Central Mississippi Chapter, and continues to serve children and the elderly.

Ms. Darby cherishes her son, daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren while remaining dedicated to caring for others.

MINISTRY

Pastor Joel Ekugwum

Founder and Pastor, Fountain of Life Church, Byram, MS (1997-Present).

Pastor Joel is an anointed man of God, guided by the Holy Spirit in ways that transform lives. His fervent prayer life, prophetic gifts, and unwavering faith in healing and deliverance reflect his Shepherd's heart. Above all, he is a man of integrity, devoted to pleasing God.

He holds degrees from Grambling State, Jackson State, and Wesley Theological Seminary, along with an Honorary Doctorate. His leadership extends to founding Sound Word for Life radio, JEM-Turning Hearts Ministries, and serving in key roles in Christian and African fellowship organizations.

Passionate about community prayer and outreach, he challenges the Church to be a beacon of faith. Faithfully serving alongside him is his wife of 40+ years, Lady Ann Ekugwum. They are proud parents of five children and five grandchildren.



MINISTRY

Pastor Stan and Bonnie Johnson

Pastor Stan and Minister Bonnie lead the Marriage Ministry at New Horizon Church International. Pastor Stan also serves as Assistant Pastor and Church Counselor.

They hold certifications from Marriage Ministry International, Marriage Plus Ministries, the National Association of Marriage Enhancement, and others.

A retired 25-year Air Force Veteran, Pastor Stan has master's degrees in Marriage and Family Counseling and Human Resource Management and is a National Certified Counselor. Minister Bonnie, a Professional Cosmetologist for 43 years, owns Simply Beautiful by Bonnie, LLC.

Married for 41 years, they have one daughter, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They also lovingly served as foster parents and remain active in the lives of four foster daughters and their children.



MINISTRY

John A. Wicks, Jr.

John A. Wicks, Jr. is Jackson, a Mississippi native and son of the late John A. Wicks, Sr., and Shirley R. Wicks. A Murrah High School graduate, he earned a B.S. in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics as valedictorian from Alcorn State University, later obtaining an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina A&T and a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech. He has taught at Tuskegee University and Jackson State University.

Brother Wicks accepted Christ in 1977 and acknowledged his call to preach in 1997. He served in Alabama before becoming Mount Nebo Baptist Church's pastor in 2001. He has held leadership roles in Mississippi Baptist organizations and received numerous awards, including an honorary Doctor of Divinity.

Married to Felice L. Dowd, they have three children. His life motto remains: "To God be the glory for the many wonderful things He has done!"



MUSIC

Harold Loving, Sr.

Harold Loving, Sr. is an IT professional with over 26 years' experience, and a gospel musician with over 29 years' experience playing for churches and groups. He currently serves as Associate Pastor of Worship at New Horizon Church International, where he has faithfully served in various capacities since 2007.

Harold is the Owner/CEO of TeamLogic IT Jackson, and is the Vice-President for Software Research and Development/Chief Technology Officer at Microtech Industries of MS, Inc.



Harold's favorite accomplishments are that he married Sandra, and he is the father of Harold Jr. and Mariah. Other accomplishments include being the first Webmaster for Jackson State University; growing TeamLogic IT from 1 employee to 7 employees; and a musical appearance on the former national TV program Bobby Jones Gospel. In his spare time, Harold enjoys video games and audiobooks.

Harold is a worshipper of Jesus Christ, and his favorite scripture is Psalms 92:1-2.



As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (1 Peter 4:10 NKJV)

Every Christian is to submit his/her will to the will of God; acknowledging Jesus as Lord. The lordship of Jesus in our lives is worked out as we remain faithful to Him, doing the work that God has assigned to us. In submission to the will of God, believers become servants of God's people. Even the greater in the family of God moved among the brethren as a servant.

Being a servant involves the full exercise of the gifts and abilities each of us has for the benefit of others. In servanthood, we should adopt the unselfish attitude of Jesus.

The Scripture cited above tells us that every Christian should use whatever gift he/she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. The next verse says that if we speak, we should do it as if we are speaking the very words of God. If we serve, we should do it with the strength that God provides, so that every thing we do brings praise and honor to God through our relationship with Jesus Christ.